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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE AUGUST 23, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2007, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested. A reply was due November 23, 2007. A Petition for a Three month Extension of Time to February 23, 2008 and the requisite fee are enclosed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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